**1. What is a honey bee?**



* Honey bees are gentle creatures.
* Honey bees live hives where there are lots of hexagon shaped cells to make honey.
* Honey bees very rarely sting for if they do they die straight after.
* Honey bees are too busy to worry about people.

**2. What does a honey bee look like?**

  

* Honey bees are brownish orange and black.
* They have pollen baskets on their legs to collect and carry pollen from flowers back to their hives.
* Bees have 5 eyes, 6 legs and 4 wings.
* They do not have any ears, nose, mouth or hands.

**3. Where do honey bees live?**



* Honey bees live in a bee hive.
* A hive can have up to 80,000 bees.
* Most of the bees are female worker bees.
* Less than 1000 are male drone bees.

**4. What is a queen bee?**

 

* In a bee colony there is always only one queen bee. She is the boss!
* The queen is a bit bigger than the other bees.
* She does not have pollen baskets on her legs as her only job is to lay eggs.
* She can lay 2000 eggs a day!

**5. What is a male drone bee?**

  

* The only job of the male drone bees is to help the queen bee make eggs to make new bees.
* When they have helped the queen, they die.
* The male drone bee has no stinger.
* They stay inside the hive all day and night.

**6. What is a female worker bee?**

 

* Worker bees build and clean the hives and fly out to collect nectar and pollen.
* They have a long straw tongue to suck up the nectar in flowers.
* A worker bee needs to visit 4000 flowers to make 1 tablespoon of honey!
* Worker bees also protect their hive by stinging anything who comes close.

**7. Who looks after honey bees?**

 

* People have kept bees for honey making for thousands of years.
* Bee keepers have to wear protective clothing so the bees don’t sting them.
* Bee keepers make hives for the bees out of straw, pottery or wooden boxes.
* Wild bees make their hives in hollow trees or logs.

**8. What do honey bees do?**

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* Bees make honey from the nectar they collect from flowers.
* Honey bees like flowers with bright colours but they cannot see the colour red.
* Honey bees make the honey back in their hive.
* Honey bees do a little dance called the 'waggle dance' when they have found flowers to tell the other bees where the flowers are.

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